

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A sculling oar to generate a thrust force of a boat by an operation by an operator from side to side, the sculling oar comprising:

a first scull arm to be operated by an operator; and

a second scull arm having a flat scull blade ~~which has a flat part~~ extending substantially perpendicular to a water surface when the sculling oar is attached to the boat;

wherein the second scull arm blade is joined to the first scull arm such that the first scull arm is positioned above a rotation axis of the second scull arm blade.

2-3. (CANCELLED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the first scull arm and the second scull arm blade are joined at a position to form a V-shape with respect to the water surface.

5. (CANCELLED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the first scull arm and the second scull arm blade are joined such that the first scull arm forms an angle of seven degrees to ten degrees with respect to the second scull arm blade.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein a front edge of the flat ~~part of the~~ scull blade is thicker than a rear edge of the flat ~~part of the~~ scull blade, and the front edge is always positioned on an advancing direction side with respect to the rear edge when the operator operates the first scull arm.

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein an area near a part where the first scull arm and the second scull arm blade are joined has a round shape.

11-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein one end of the first scull arm is joined to a scull handle for attaching thereto a rope fixed to the boat.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein ~~the scull blade is joined to~~ a connection part is joined to ~~near~~ a distal end portion ~~at one end not joined to~~ of the flat scull blade, and the connection part is joined to a fin parallel to distal end portion of the flat part of the scull blade.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 14, wherein the fin is positioned above the flat scull blade.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 14, wherein an angle  $\alpha$  formed by an extension line of the fin and an extension line of the flat scull blade ranges from about 40 degrees to about 60 degrees.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 1, wherein the material of the second scull arm blade is any one of wood, FRP, carbon fiber, and light metal.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The sculling oar according to claim 15, wherein an angle  $\alpha$  formed by an extension line of the fin and an extension line of the flat scull blade ranges from about 40 degrees to about 60 degrees.